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SUBJECT: FRENCH REPORT ON ATTITUDES IN GOE MILITARY
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1. FRENCH EMBOFF VIGNAL HAS TOLD US THAT NON-MILITARY
SOURCE WITH CLOSE ASSOCIATES AT LOWER LEVELS EGYPTIAN
HEADQUARTERS STAFF HAS THIS MORNING, OCTOBER 8, REPORTED
ON EVOLVING ATTITUDES IN GHQ. OFFICERS OF LT. COL.
RANK AND LOWER ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW SIGNS OF DEEPENING
CONCERN WITH MILITARY SITUATION. THEY BELIEVE THAT
EGYPTIAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE HAVE ACQUITTED THEMSELVES
CREDITABLY BUT CANNOT HOLD IN FACE OF MASSIVE ISRAELI
COUNTERATTACK. THEY FEEL THEY HAVE DONE THEIR JOB;
NOW IT IS UP TO THE POLITICIANS TO ACHIEVE CEASE-FIRE
AND STABILIZE SITUATION ON GROUND. THEY ARE ASKING
WHY SADAT AND POLITICIANS ARE NOT MOVING NOW TO DO
EXACTLY THIS. THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND OPTIMISM WHICH
SEEMS TO PERVADE HIGHEST LEVELS OF POLITICAL
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2. THESE OFFICERS ALSO BELIEVE THAT IF ARAB FORCES
ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, HUSSEIN MUST OPEN NEW FRONT AT
EARLIEST MOMENT. THEY EXPRESS THIS AS A WISH, AND DO
NOT KNOW IF GOE IS PUSHING HUSSEIN TO ACT.
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